

Appl. No. 10/627,094
Response to Office Action of 12/01/05

Attorney Docket No. 33851.3
Customer No. 27883

III. Remarks

Claims 8, 14 and 27-30 are pending.

Claims 31-42 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Reconsideration of this application in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Allowed Claims

The allowance of claims 8, 14 and 27-30 is acknowledged with appreciation.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 31-34 and 37-40

Claims 31-34 and 37-40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Japanese Pat. Pub. No. JP 2001-233289. Claims 31-34 and 37-40 have been canceled. The rejection of claims 31-34 and 37-40 is therefore moot and it is requested that it be withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 31-42

Claims 31-42 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Pat. No. 2,807,035 to Phillips in view of Japanese Pat. Pub. No. JP 2001-233289. Claims 31-42 have been canceled. The rejection of claims 31-42 is therefore moot and it is requested that it be withdrawn.

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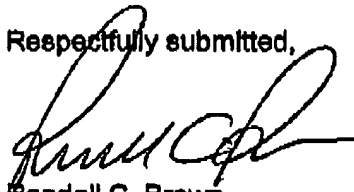
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Conclusion

It is believed that all matters set forth in the present Office action have been addressed and that this application is in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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